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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents  
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*  
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SUBJECT: Waiver Request for State-Administered ESEA Formula Programs

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) will request a U.S. Department of Education (USED) waiver of the Tydings Amendment with respect to funds made available for Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) State-administered formula programs under the 2009 Department of Education Appropriations Act and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The waiver will provide the opportunity for the State to extend the period to obligate FY 2009 regular and ARRA funds for select ESEA State-administered formula programs through September 30, 2012. It is important to understand that the end date for all grant programs affected was September 30, 2011. The waiver, if granted, will not automatically extend any grant awards, but will allow MDE the opportunity to continue selected programs past the September 30, 2011, end date.

The waiver request will be made available for public comment online at the MDE website, [www.michigan.gov/mde](http://www.michigan.gov/mde), on October 13, 2011. To access the waiver request, click the "Grants" heading on the left side of the page, and it will be available under the "What's New" section.

When the waiver request is posted, comments may be submitted to [ARRAWaiverResponse@michigan.gov](mailto:ARRAWaiverResponse@michigan.gov). Comments are due by October 21, 2011.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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